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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Pollution Control Industries of Indiana
RCRA File
IND000646943, East Chicago, Lake County

DATE: April 11, 1991

THRU: Bruce Kizer
Jim Hunt

FROM: Ted Warner TW
Compliance Monitoring Section

SUBJECT: Hazardous Waste Fire Report
Fire Date March 15, 1991

EPA Region 5 Records Ctr.



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On Friday evening March 15, 1991, at approximately 9:45 p.m., Ms. Tita LaGrimas, the Environmental Coordinator for Pollution Control Industries of Indiana (PCII) located at 4343 Kennedy Avenue, East Chicago, Indiana, telephoned me at my LaPorte Office. Ms. LaGrimas indicated that a small fire had occurred at Pollution Control Industries of Indiana at approximately 8:00 p.m. that same evening. The fire was put out and there were no injuries. The local fire and the police departments had responded to the notification from onsite staff. Due to the thick smoke there were some evacuations of the immediate area.

The fire started in the dry shredder located in area one, which is inside a building and on a concrete floor with containment berms. Approximately 100-gallons of contaminated water was generated from the fire fighting.

Ms. LaGrimas notified me because she could not get any answers to her calls to both EPA (312/886-6339) and IDEM (317/241-4336) Emergency Response Offices.

Ms. LaGrimas further stated she would file the required written reports with Emergency Response Offices.

I made a follow up telephone call to Ms. LaGrimas on Monday, March 18, 1991. Ms. LaGrimas indicated that she had gotten through to the Emergency Response Offices over the weekend. The National Response Case Number given for the fire incident at PCII is 63768.

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